

REMARKS

The applicant has amended the claims to place the claims into better U.S. form. The Examiner has required restriction between one of the following inventions:

- 1) Group I, claims 1-4 and 16, drawn to a compound and electric component;
- 2) Group II, claims 5-13, and 17-20, drawn to a method of making the compound; or
- 3) Group III, claims 14 and 15, drawn to a compound and electric component.

Applicant elects as the single disclosed species the compound of example 1 (page 10 of the specification), which has the structural formula of example 1 on page 6. This compound is embraced by formula (I) in claim 1. This would correspond to compounds (I), (Ia) (III) and (IIIa) when n is 3 and Z is CR. Claims 1-4 and 16 would read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction requirement because the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have not carried forward its burden of proof to establish distinctness.

In particular, MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent.

For the above reasons, the applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 1-20 presently pending in this application be examined.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 14113-00104-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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